

METHODS AND APPARATUS SUPPORTING ACCESS TO STORED DATA

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A data processing device, such as a television set top box, receives user-selected content data from a remote source over a network in response to user initiated content selection information. The data processing device stores the user-selected content data (e.g., readable or playable content data such as movies, text, audio, etc.) in an appropriate storage location of the data processing device. The data processing device enables a user
10 to access only a portion of the user-selected content data stored therein. If the user forgoes a right to selectively retrieve certain content data, the data processing device enables user access to other user-selected content data in the storage location. Thus, if a user experiences a "change in heart," the user may forgo a right to play back certain content data for a right to selectively retrieve different portions of user-selected content
15 data in the data processing device.